

knew on this matter, speculating that she might have been planning a book. Given her interest in the Kennedy assassination and the secret crashed disk stories, had she discovered a connection between the two? So far, this has not been alleged, but it might be a fertile area for research.

Those of us who have been involved in UFO investigations for any meaningful length of time know how the news media treats "UFO buffs." This is what Marrs has to say about those who study the Kennedy assassination: "...the major news media have been content to let sleeping assassination conspiracies lie, compounding this timidity by characterizing anyone who dared looked [sic] at the case as a 'buff,' 'fantasist,' 'paranoid,' or 'sensationalist.' " (Marrs, p 578) According to Groden, "Today, critics of the Warren Commission are called 'buffs' to make them appear like hobbyists who play with model trains or collect coins." (Groden, p 6)

As noted above, Cooper interjected the Bilderberger Group into the UFO coverup scene. Marrs does the same for the Kennedy assassination coverup, in a manner of speaking, with this paragraph from his book: "By Monday, November 25, Zapruder's film had been sold to *Life* magazine. In charge of the sale was *Life's* publisher C. D. Jackson [since deceased], who later claimed he was so horrified by the film that he wanted to lock it away. However, in later years, Jackson was shown to have been closely associated with CIA officials. In one instance, when former CIA director Walter Bedell Smith wanted prominent Americans as members of the shadowy and elitist Bilderberger organization, he said he 'turned the matter over to C. D. Jackson and things really got going.' " (Marrs, p 66-67)

With regard to conspiracy *connections*, Walter Bedell Smith's life is of interest. Smith was on Eisenhower's staff in World War II. He later retired from the U. S. Army as a General. He served, among other posts, as U.S. Ambassador to the USSR, 1946-49; director of the CIA, 1950-53; Undersecretary of State, 1953-54; vice chairman, American Machine and Foundry Co., 1954; and member of the Board of Directors, NBC, RCA, United Fruit Company, and the Corning Glass Works. Smith died August 9, 1961 and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery. For his UFO connection, he reportedly became a permanent replacement for Secretary James V. Forrestal as a member of the Majestic-12 Group on August 1, 1950. Secretary Forrestal's death occurred earlier on May 22, 1949. (42)